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Applicant: Jackson I. Ito, et al. § Examiner: Rudnick, Douglas W.
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Titled: **FLUID ATOMIZATION PROCESS** §

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 11) dated November 6, 2002.
Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ~~cancel~~ claim 51.

Please enter the following amended claims. Marked-up versions of these claims can be found at the end of this response.

Please ~~replace~~ claim 15 with the following amended claim 15:

15. An apparatus for atomizing a fluid comprising:

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- (a) a central passageway for allowing a fluid to be atomized to pass therethrough;
 - (b) an atomization zone positioned downstream from and in fluid communication with, said central passageway;